

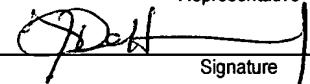


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/981,700
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For: METHOD FOR CONNECTING SPLIT IMAGES AND IMAGE SHOOTING APPARATUS
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2004, which provides for a response period ending January 25, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.